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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
601 E. 12th St., Room 355
Kansas City, Missouri 64106



Medicaid and CHIP Operations Group

December 23, 2020

Mr. Drew Snyder Executive
Director
Mississippi Division of Medicaid
550 High Street, Suite 1000
Jackson, MS 39201

Re: Mississippi State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0013

Dear Mr. Snyder:

We reviewed your proposed Medicaid State Plan Amendment (SPA) submitted under transmittal number 20-0013. This amendment proposes to allow the Division of Medicaid to add coverage of licensed pharmacists under Other Licensed Practitioners (OLP) for vaccine administration, effective September 1, 2020.

We conducted our review of your submittal according to statutory requirements in Title XIX of the Social Security Act and 42 C.F.R. § 447.20. This letter is to inform you that Mississippi Medicaid SPA 20-0013 is approved effective December 23, 2020.

If you have any questions, please contact Etta Hawkins at 404-562-7429 or via email at Etta.Hawkins@cms.hhs.gov.

Sincerely,

James G. Scott, Director
Division of Program Operations

cc: Margaret Wilson
Will Ervin

TRANSMITTAL AND NOTICE OF APPROVAL OF STATE PLAN MATERIAL	1. TRANSMITTAL NUMBER: 20-0013	2. STATE MS
	3. PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION: TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT (MEDICAID)	
FOR: CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES		4. PROPOSED EFFECTIVE DATE 09/01/2020
TO: REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR CENTERS FOR MEDICARE AND MEDICAID SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		

5. TYPE OF PLAN MATERIAL (Check One):

NEW STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO BE CONSIDERED AS NEW PLAN AMENDMENT

COMPLETE BLOCKS 6 THRU 10 IF THIS IS AN AMENDMENT (Separate Transmittal for each amendment)

6. FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION: 42 U.S.C. §§ 1396s, 300aa-26	7. FEDERAL BUDGET IMPACT: FFY20: \$3,661 FFY21: \$41,885
8. PAGE NUMBER OF THE PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT: Attachment 3.1-A, Exhibit 6d page 3 Attachment 4.19-B, page 6d Attachment 4.19-B, page 13c NEW	9. PAGE NUMBER OF THE SUPERSEDED PLAN SECTION OR ATTACHMENT (If Applicable): Attachment 3.1-A, Exhibit 6d page 3 Attachment 4.19-B, page 6d Attachment 4.19-B, page 13c NEW

10. SUBJECT OF AMENDMENT:

State Plan Amendment (SPA) 20-0013 Vaccines is being submitted to allow the Division of Medicaid to add specific language for the coverage and reimbursement of all vaccines recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) administration by pharmacy providers for beneficiaries ages 10 and above, effective September 1, 2020.

11. GOVERNOR'S REVIEW (Check One):

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE REPORTED NO COMMENT OTHER, AS SPECIFIED:
 COMMENTS OF GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ENCLOSED
 NO REPLY RECEIVED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF SUBMITTAL

12. SIGNATURE OF STATE AGENCY OFFICIAL:	16. RETURN TO:
13. TYPED NAME: Drew L. Snyder	Drew L. Snyder Miss. Division of Medicaid Attn: Margaret Wilson 550 High Street, Suite 1000 Jackson, MS 39201-1399
14. TITLE: Executive Director	
15. DATE SUBMITTED: September 30, 2020	

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17. DATE RECEIVED: 09/30/2020	18. DATE APPROVED: 12/23/2020
PLAN APPROVED – ONE COPY ATTACHED	
19. EFFECTIVE DATE OF APPROVED MATERIAL: 09/01/2020	20. SIGNATURE OF REGIONAL OFFICIAL:
21. TYPED NAME: James G. Scott	22. TITLE: Director Division of Program Operations

23. REMARKS:

MS Medicaid approved a pen & ink change to Box 6 by email on 12-15-2020 as follows:

Box 6 FEDERAL STATUTE/REGULATION CITATION:

Change to: 42 C.F.R. § 447.201

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DESCRIPTIONS OF LIMITATIONS AS TO AMOUNT, DURATION AND SCOPE OF MEDICAL CARE AND SERVICES PROVIDED

6d. Other Licensed Practitioners' Services:

Nurse Practitioner Services: Services furnished by a registered nurse who is licensed and certified by the Mississippi Board of Nursing as a nurse practitioner including, but not limited to nurse anesthetists, nurse midwives, family nurse practitioners, family planning nurse practitioners, pediatric nurse practitioners, obstetrics-gynecology nurse practitioners and neonatal nurse practitioners, under regulations adopted by the Division.

Physician Assistant Services: Physician assistant services are those provided by physician assistants who are licensed by the State Board of Medical Licensure and are practicing with physician supervision under regulations adopted by the Division.

Licensed Pharmacist Services: Licensed pharmacist, employed by a Mississippi Medicaid pharmacy provider, within their scope of practice under state law are limited to:

1) Vaccine administration.

Effective December 11, 2020, qualified pharmacy technicians and pharmacy interns/externs, acting under the supervision of a qualified pharmacist, as authorized by the Mississippi State Board of Pharmacy to administer FDA-authorized or FDA-licensed COVID-19 vaccines.

2) Disease Management Services. Disease management services are those provided by specially credentialed pharmacists for Medicaid recipients with specific chronic disease states of diabetes, asthma, lipids, or coagulation. It is a patient-centered concept integrating the pharmacist into the health care team with shared responsibility for disease management and therapeutic outcome. The process provides cost-effective, high quality health care for patients referred by their physician. The referring physician requests disease management services from any credentialed participating pharmacist in Mississippi. With the appropriate transfer of pharmacy care records, including a written referral from the physician to the pharmacist, the referral is considered documented. All laboratory test results must be included because the pharmacist is not allowed reimbursement for laboratory procedures. In order to be cost-effective for the Medicaid program, the disease management services performed by the pharmacist cannot duplicate those provided by the physician.

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13c. Preventive Services:

The Division of Medicaid reimburses for vaccines and vaccine administration the lower of the provider's usual and customary charge or the below:

Vaccine Ingredient Cost:

The federal Vaccine for Children (VFC) program provides vaccines free of charge to VFC enrolled providers. The Division of Medicaid does not reimburse for the cost of vaccines supplied through the VFC program.

Vaccines not covered through the VFC program are reimbursed:

1. In the pharmacy setting, at the actual acquisition cost (AAC) of the vaccine and are listed on the Division of Medicaid's website at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#>. The AAC is defined as the wholesale acquisition cost (WAC) plus 0% for any claim type.
2. In the office setting, according to Attachment 4.19B, page 12a.3.

Vaccine administration for VFC vaccines is outlined in Attachment 4.19-B, page 5a.

Vaccine administration for non-VFC vaccines:

1. For a pharmacist is located in Attachment 4.19-B, page 6d.
2. For practitioners is located on the physician fee schedule at <https://medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/>.

Except as otherwise noted in the plan, state-developed fee schedule rates are the same for both governmental and private providers. The Division of Medicaid's fee schedule rate was set as of July September 1, 2020, and is effective for services provided on or after that date. All rates are published at www.medicaid.ms.gov/providers/fee-schedules-and-rates/#. The Division of Medicaid will reduce the rate of reimbursement to providers for any service by five percent (5%) of the allowed amount for that service. The 5% reduction has been in effect since July 1, 2002, and the fee schedule already incorporates the 5% adjustment. The federal match will be paid based on the reduced amount.

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6d. Other Licensed Practitioners' Services:

Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant Services: Reimbursement for nurse practitioner and physician assistant services shall be at 90% of the fee for reimbursement paid to licensed physicians under the statewide physician fee schedule for comparable services under comparable circumstances.

Nurse practitioner and physician assistant services for EPSDT beneficiaries, if medically necessary, which exceed the limitations and scope for Medicaid beneficiaries, as covered in this Plan, are reimbursed according to the methodology in the above paragraph.

Reimbursement to a pharmacy provider, for vaccine administration by a pharmacist, is the same fee as a primary care physician outlined in Attachment 4.19-B page 5a.

Pharmacy Disease Management Services: The pharmacy disease management services are reimbursed on a per encounter basis with an encounter averaging between fifteen and thirty minutes. The reimbursement is a flat fee established after reviewing Medicaid's physician fee schedule and reimbursement methodologies and fees of other states and third party payers.

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